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**Chaplain's Corner:** 

## COMMUNITYLEISURE

## Coast Guard celebrates 219th birthday at Hunter

**Nancy Gould** 

Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard, Air Station Savannah, spend many long hours, including weekends, rescuing citizens who get into trouble on the water. But Coast Guard men and women set aside Aug. 4, the Coast Guard's 219th birthday, to celebrate the day with Family Members at Hunter Army Airfield, swimming in the Hunter Pool and enjoying food and recreational activities at the adjacent picnic area.

The group grilled hamburgers, played ball and tossed horseshoes, while their children climbed into the inflatable house at the picnic area. Other children waited patiently to sink volunteer Coasties inside a dunking booth into a small pool of water.

taking care of everyone else's Family," said Capt. Donna Cottrell, commander, Station "This is our day to have some summer fun with our own Families."

Members

Savannah Air Station, the Marine Safety Office and the Coast Guard Recruiting Office showed up in casual attire to enjoy the day with each other and their children. Among them was Commander Todd Coggeshall, Air Station Savannah's operations officer, his wife, Melissa, and their daughters, 4-yearold Kathryn and 2-year-old Sarah.

"This is a lot of fun," said Melissa, adding that they almost missed the event due to a water leak in their home. "I looked forward to celebrating; I'm proud to be part of the Coast Guard."

Captain Cottrell said Coast Guardsmen and

women have a reason to be proud. "They are great citizens," she said. "They live Corps values 24 hours a day. Besides jumping out of helicopters, they mow lawns and help their neighbors in a 'culture of service.'

Captain Cottrell thanked everyone for taking time from their hectic schedules to attend the event and before eating, awarded the Ombudsman for Service Certificate of Appreciation to Nicole Mckenzie, wife of Lt. Jeremy McKenzie, Air Station Savannah, for her service.



## South West Chatham 87th CSSB couples library goes 'green'

**Kaytrina Curtis** 

Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

In the fall, the 50,000 square-foot Southwest branch of the Live Oak Public Library system will open its doors to the Savannah community. Located at Rio Road, just outside the gates of Hunter Army Airfield, the new state-of-the-art facility boasts an ecofriendly footprint.

Servicemembers and their Families can enjoy the convenience of having a modern facility at their backdoor to enjoy a good book, magazine or take advantage of the large public computer access area.

According to the U.S. Green Building Council, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification

for new construction offers many benefits, including environmental health, economic, and occupant-oriented performance and health productivity.

"The Hunter military community is very fortunate the City of Savannah has chosen to construct this incredible library just outside Rio Gate," said Hunter Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Jose Aguilar. "Our military Families will derive great pleasure utilizing this magnificent facility. The fact that it was constructed using eco-friendly matters shows that the community is respectful of the environment."

Windows on the north and south ends of the building were constructed to produce maximum daylight while avoiding the heat associated with the east and west facing windows.

## unite at weekend marriage retreat

horseshoes, and eating hamburgers.

children spent the day playing ball, swimming, throwing

Megan Vaughan Rachel Culligan

87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion

The 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Sustainment Brigade, Infantry Division recognizes the obstacles that can occur in military marriages, or any marriage, for that matter, and is taking great care to help cement marital relationships by offering marriage retreats for 87th CSSB Soldiers, their spouses, and even their children.

Thirty Soldiers and their Families embarked on such a retreat, the weekend of July 31 -Aug. 2, in historic Chattanooga, Tenn. Families enjoyed the quaint comforts of the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Hotel, a 24-acre train terminal complex that celebrated its 100-year anniversary this year, which offered plenty of activities, entertainment and history. It is conveniently located near Ruby Falls and Lookout Mountain, as well as downtown Chattanooga.

#### Mhat would Joyd Bo?, Reviewed

#### Sasha McBrayer

Frontline Contributor

We've all heard "WWJD." Now I ask myself, WWJCVDD? What would Jean-Claude Van Damme do? When TIME Magazine was quoted in reaction to the martial artist's latest film saying, "He deserves not a black belt, but an Oscar," I knew I had to see this movie. The French language film is called simply "JCVD." On DVD now, the picture is a funny, at times starkly honest look at the real life of an action star. Its creators were very interested in "deconstruction of fame," to paraphrase director Mabrouk El Mechri.

In "JCVD" the real JCVD portrays a fictionalized version of himself. He is down on his luck. He is losing his daughter in a custody battle. His last check has bounced. He is home in

Brussels where star struck fans both applaud and ridicule him.

"JCVD" opens with a terribly lengthy fight sequence that pokes fun at just about every film JCVD has made. In an excruciatingly long take, Van Damme battles his way through a

treacherous sequence of fake adversaries and real obstacles. When one detail goes awry at the very end of the grueling labyrinth, and the Asian filmmakers insist he does it all again, JCVD attempts to explain why it is too difficult.

"I'm 47 years old," he explains.

The heartless film director replies in a language that Van Damme can-

not understand, "He still thinks he's making Citizen Kane."

The crux of the film occurs when a desperate JCVD enters a post office/ bank and gets tangled in a robbery. Though taken hostage, local police believe it is Van Damme masterminding the heist. The end consequences are fabulous.

There is a scene where even

JCVD daydreams about being the hero. There is also a scene where the actor physically is pulled out of the film (a film that knows it's a film) and he launches into a tearful soliloquy about life, choices, and the big picture.

While I'm glad I saw this film, at first, I disagreed with TIME Magazine's quote about Oscar. Come on. That's a

bit of a stretch. Now I'm forced to reconsider. As it turns out, about 30% of the screen work is improvisation. The Muscles from Brussels here proves not just that he can act, but that he's a good sport. He can poke fun of himself, artfully so. I've never been a big fan of work that is supposed to be transcendent and philosophical. Still, there was a little bit of genius in this project. If some of that was lost on me, perhaps the subtitles are to blame. Though I've seen foreign films I connected with completely, there was definitely a bit of disconnect for me this time around.

Just don't call "JCVD" a comeback. Though the last Van Damme film I saw was "The Quest" in 1996, JCVD has never quit working. He's shot nearly 2 films a year since then and has two due to be released in 2010.



#### PRESENTS TODAY THROUGH AUG 16

#### **Public Enemies**

Today— 7 p.m.

(Johnny Depp, Christian Bale)

No one could stop John Dillinger and his gang. No jail could hold him. His charm and audacious jailbreaks endeared him to almost everyone --from his girlfriend Billie to an American public who had no sympathy for the banks that had plunged the country into the Depression. But while the adventures of Dillinger' gang thrilled many, J. Edgar Hoover made Dillinger America's first Public Enemy Number One. *Rated R (gangster violence, language) 140 min* 

#### Bruno

Friday — 7 p.m.

ic nudity and language) 82 min

(Sacha Baron Cohen, Gustaf Hammarsten) Brüno, a gay fashionista is the host of the toprated late night fashion show in any Germanspeaking country--apart from Germany. Brüno's mission is to become the biggest Austrian celebrity since Hitler. He plans to crisscross the globe in the hopes of finding fame and love. *Rated R (pervasive strong and crude sexual content, graph-*

#### Ice age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs

Saturday— 3 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Sunday—7 p.m.

(Ray Romano, John Leguizamo)

The sub zero heroes are back. Scrat is still trying to nab the ever elusive nut, while maybe finding true love. Manny and Ellie await the birth of their mini-mammoth. Diego the saber toothed tiger wonders if he's growing too soft and Sid the sloth gets into trouble when he creates his own makeshift Family by hijacking some dinosaur eggs. On a mission to rescue the hapless Sid, the gang ventures into a mysterious underground world, where they have some close encounters with dinosaurs, battle flora and fauna, run amuck and meet a relentless, one eyed, dino-hunting weasel named Buck. *Rated PG (mild rude humor, peril)* 94 *min* 

Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069 or go to www.aafes/com/ems/conus/stewart.htm.





#### Sign-up Deadline for Casino Ship Trip

Friday is the deadline to sign up for the Emerald Princess Casino Ship Trip scheduled for Aug. 22.

Patrons will depart at 5 p.m. from Stewart Leisure Travel Office, building 443, and leave Brunswick, Ga. at 7 p.m. for a five-hour Casino Boat Tour in international waters. Try your luck aboard the Emerald Princess II Casino Ship.

The cost is \$10 (active duty) and \$15 (civilian adults). Cost includes transportation, ship reservation and a light dinner. For more information, call 767-2841.

#### **All Ladies Climbing Class**

Ladies, come on out with your friends and learn the basics of climbing at the All Ladies Climbing Class from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Aug. 16. The class will be held at Cypress Family Fun Center, building 449.

We'll teach you how to climb and belay. Wear comfortable clothing, good tennis shoes and don't forget to do your stretches before you come. The cost is \$3.50 per lady.

For more information, call 767-9884.

#### **National Friendship Week**

Aug. 17-23 is National Friendship Week at Pass & Permit. During Stewart Rifle and Archery Range hours, all eligible rifle/archery range patrons are encouraged to invite a friend to the range, and your guest receives half off the regular price.

So, bring your best friend and have some fun. For more information and details, call Stewart Pass & Permit Office, building 8093, at 435-8033 / 8061.

#### **Offshore Charter Fishing Tournament**

Offshore Outlaw, a blue water fishing club out of Fort McAllister Marina, Richmond Hill, Ga. is offering Soldiers an opportunity to participate in an offshore charter fishing tournament Sept. 19. Registration will begin Aug. 17 and continue until all slots are filled.

The tournament is free to Soldiers. Captain's meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 18 at the marina is mandatory for all participants. The tournament begins morning of Sept.19.

All equipment, tackle, and box lunch will be provided by the boat owners.

For details and to sign up, call Stewart/Hunter: Outdoor Recreation 767-8205 / 315-9554, Pass & Permit 435-8061 / 315-5163, and Leisure Travel Office 767-8609 / 315-3674.

#### Support Your "Rising Star"

Show your support for Stewart and Hunter's most talented as they compete to win the ultimate recording music experience during the 2009 Operation

Rising Star competition.

The Stewart/Hunter competition is underway. Visit Rocky's at 7 p.m., Aug. 20 to watch the second round and Aug. 27 to see who will win the finals!

There will be \$850 in cash prizes given away during the Stewart/Hunter competition. One lucky contestant will receive the chance to advance to the televised finals. During the finals they will compete to win a three-day trip for themselves and a friend to travel to Los Angeles to create a demo CD, along with other exciting prizes.

Show your support and you may be a winner, too. A \$300 prize will be awarded locally to the most supportive unit or Family Readiness Group in the audience. For more information call 767-4316 or visit: www.OpRisingStar.com.

#### **Back To School Dance at Corkan**

Come on out and join us for the Back to School Dance from 6-10 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Corkan Teen Recreation Center, building 438.

Dance, eat, enjoy refreshments, play games and have a great time. All normal rules apply. Open to Military Family Members (ages 13-18) with valid ID card. The cost is \$5 per couple. Parents who would like to volunteer to be a chaperone should call 767-3781.

#### **Taylors Creek Annual Club Championship**

The 2009 Taylors Creek Annual Club Championship will be played on Aug. 22-23. The deadline to register is Aug. 20.

This 36-hole stroke play competition will determine the Taylors Creek champion. There will be five divisions: ladies, junior, senior (ages 50-64), super senior (ages 65 and older), and open. Trophies will be awarded to top finishers in each division.

Fees: \$60 (Hunter and Taylors Creek Golf Club members), \$70 (active duty, retirees, Army Civilians), and \$80 (civilian guests). Fees include greens and golf car fees and trophies.

The Taylors Creek clubhouse is in building 2150. For more information, call 767-2370.

#### Can You Beat the Pros at Hunter?

Do you think you're good enough to take on Hunter Golf Club's professionals?

You can find out, starting at 7:30 a.m., Aug. 29 at Hunter Golf Club during the first "Beat the Pro" competition in three years.

The competition will be held in a scramble format, with your four-person team vs. the three-person team of Tommie McArthur, Jaime Deniziak and John Magnus. Prizes will be awarded to the teams that score lower than the pros do.

The cost to participate is \$35 active duty, retired military and Hunter Golf Club/Taylors Creek Golf Club members, and \$40 for civilian guests. The deadline to register is Aug. 21.

For more info or to sign-up, call 315-9115.

#### **Meet the Jaguar Cheerleaders**

Come on out and meet the Jacksonville Jaguars Cheerleaders from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 28 at the Fort Stewart Leisure Travel Office, building 443.

Have your picture taken, get autographs, calendars, and purchase your Jaguar tickets.

Want to buy tickets to a game? The Leisure Travel Office is currently selling Jaguars tickets for all home games. Pick up yours today before they are gone. For more information, call 767-2841.

#### Pets of the Week

Looking for a good home...

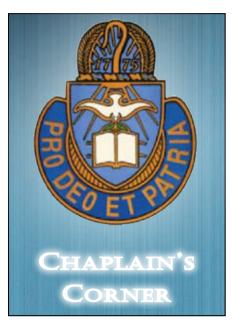


## Nina the dog & Lewis the cat

are two of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



### Value of a friend supported by Scripture



**Chaplain (Capt.) Todd Wainman** 87th CSSB

The Army emphasizes battle buddies. Why do we do this? Why do we tell you that when you go out for the evening, make certain you have a battle buddy with you? Why are there always at least two people in every military vehicle when they go to the field? This is done so the people can return home safely, whether from a party or from a mission in the field. If we were to put a person out on his or her own then his chances of success greatly decreases.

However, this battle buddy system is not a new concept. King Solomon spoke of this when he wrote **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**: "Two are better than one, because they

have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Jesus sent out his disciples two by two according to Luke 10:1. He did this because if one had gone out alone then they could have fallen and not had anyone to pick them back up. If this were the case then His mission on earth would probably have failed.

If we send out Soldiers on missions by themselves, they probably would fail at that mission. Because of this, we always send out at least two people. Even the loneliest job, the sniper has a spotter to go with them. This concept is also in our warrior ethos: we will never leave a fallen comrade behind.

Therefore, my challenge to each one of you is to find someone who can come along side of you on this journey we call life, a person whom you can trust to confide in and share your thoughts with. For those who are married, this is probably your spouse, and for those who are single, this might be a friend you grew up with or someone you met while in basic training or advanced individual training. Each of us needs this person to help us along in life, so when you fall, and you will fall, someone is there to help you get back up and keep going.

#### **Chapel Schedule Fort Stewart** Catholic Location **Time** Main Post Chapel Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m. **Sunday Mass** Main Post Chapel 9 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Worship** Marne 11 a.m. Main Post 11 a.m. Gospel Worship **Traditional Worship** Marne 9 a.m. **Liturgical Worship** Heritage 11 a.m. **Diamond Elementary** Kids' Church 11 a.m. **PWOC (Wednesday) Main Post Chapel** 9:30 a.m. Islamic Friday Jum'ah Marne 1:30 p.m. Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546. 11:30 a.m. Heritage Contact Sgt. 1st Class Crowther at 767-6717 **Latter-Day Saints** 220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville Sunday 9 a.m. **Hunter Army Airfield** Catholic **Sunday Mass** Chapel 11 a.m. **Protestant**

## Kids Church Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday at Stewart School Age Services, across from Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m., Sunday

#### For all kids Grades K-5

#### Fort Stewart bus pick-up

 $10{:}15~\hbox{a.m.}$  - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, e-mail fortstewartkidschurch@yahoo.com.

## Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior High School Students!

Join us for free games and pizza

Sundays • 6-8 p.m.

at the Stewart Youth Activity Center, building 7338.

For more information, contact jerry.e.thompson@comcast.net

or call 877-7207.

#### Weekday Catholic Schedule

#### **Roman Catholic Daily Mass:**

**Sunday Service** 

Mon, Weds - Fri at Main Post Chapel, 11:45 a.m.

#### **Roman Catholic Confession:**

Sat, Main Post Chapel, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

#### - PWOC Kick-off -

The Fort Stewart PWOC Fall Kick-off is Aug. 19 at the Main Post Chapel. They will meet from 9:30 a.m. - noon, every Wednesday at Main Post Chapel. Call 332-7139.

The Hunter Fall Kick-off is Sept. 10 at Hunter Army Airfield Post Chapel. They will meet from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., every Thursday morning at Hunter Post Chapel. A light luncheon will follow. Call (404) 797-3097.

# Coastal Happenings Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

#### Low Country Paintball waives fees

Low Country Paintball invites community members to enjoy paintball by waiving all-day greens fees and gun rental fees for active duty military during the first weekend of each month.

Players can enjoy more than 150 guns across 63 acres. Group rates are available. For more information, call 663-2314.

#### Jesup arts and crafts nights ongoing

The South Georgia Gourd Patch, in affiliation with the Wayne County Arts Council, the Georgia Gourd Society and the American Gourd Society, invite community members for an evening of arts and crafts at Cracker Williams Recreation Park in Jesup every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, call 294-7394, or e-mail catsewg@bellsouth.net.

#### History comes to life, thanks to GHS

Join the Georgia Historical Society this summer for a series of entertaining and informative classes, workshops and tours on a variety of topics such as history, genealogy and archival preservation.

Classes and workshops will be held in the reading room of historic Hodgson Hall, GHS head-quarters, at the corner of Whitaker and Gaston Streets in downtown Savannah.

Tours will also begin in the reading room. Some class sizes are limited, so make your reservations early. GHS members will receive a 10 percent discount for all classes.

All classes, tours and workshops must meet a

minimum enrollment. If you have questions, contact GHS at 651-2125, ext. 40-

#### 3rd ID Society reunion slated

The 3rd Infantry Division Society and attached units in wars and in peacetime will hold their 90th reunion, Sept. 16-20. The reunion will be held at the Clarion Hotel Springfield, 3333 S. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, Mo., 65804; (417) 883-6500. Room rates are \$84 per night plus tax and includes breakfast and free airport transportation. For additional information, contact Linda Irvine at (360) 663-2521, or *info@thereunionbrat.com*.

#### **Operation Homefront offers help**

Operation Homefront is now able to help financially strapped Families afford sports team registrations, cultural and art classes for children of Georgia servicemembers. If you have questions, call Christina Anthony or Ashley Carpenter at 368-9622.

#### Calling all Zetas

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. recently chartered a new chapter in Hinesville. The organization invites all members in the Hinesville/Fort Stewart area to join the Hinesville chapter each first Saturday of the month at the Veterans of Foreign War Post 6602, located at 931 E G Parkway. Zeta Phi Beta is a community-conscious, action-oriented organization founded Jan. 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Zeta chapters have given millions hours of voluntary service to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarships, support organized charities and promote legislation for social change. The Hinesville chapter invites all members to help continue this tradition of service. For more information or to attend a chapter meeting, contact Rhonda Lawson at 253-576-2230, or Alisha Johnson at 912-220-8137.

#### **Georgia Historical Society Awarded**

The Georgia Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a Museums for America grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services to assist GHS in its ongoing efforts to provide access to GHS collections online, thereby expanding audiences for history.

The Georgia Historical Society will use the IMLS award to carry out its project, Expanding Audiences for History: Access for a New Century, a technology initiative.

The grant funds will be used for electronically cataloging artifacts, portraits, and maps. Once complete, these collection items will be searchable through the GHS online catalog, and images of the artifacts will be visible through the World Wide Web.

The Georgia Historical Society, headquartered in Savannah, is the oldest cultural institution in the state and one of the oldest historical organizations in the nation. It is the first and only statewide historical society in Georgia. For nearly 175 years, GHS has collected, preserved, and shared Georgia history through a variety of educational outreach programs, publications, and research services. For more information visit: www.georgiahistory.com.

# FOR OUR HEROES

5/10K & Family Fun Run Public Services Day

#### September 11 and September 12

in beautiful Downtown Hinesville

#### **Friday Events**

Live band • Food and fun • 1.5 Family fun Run • Race \$5 all ages w/t-shirt\*

#### **Saturday Events:**

5/10k (w/age divisions) • \$20 PreRegistration • Shotgun start • Timed Public Safety Day w/fire trucks • Give aways • chili cook-off and more

For more information about all events contact Leah Poole at (912) 368-4282 or Melinda Buchannan at (912) 876-4511

# Free concerts scheduled

Community members are invited to the fun as the Hinesville Arts Council again sponsors the Blues and BBQ music fest 4 to 11 p.m., Sept. 19 in Hinesville's downtown Bradwell Park. The Eric Culberson band headlines in what is sure to be a memorable evening. The council also hosts Fat Back and the Groove Band at the August Lunchtime concert in the park, scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Aug. 21 in Bradwell Park. More information about concerts, activities and events can be found at <a href="https://www.HinesvilleArts.com">www.HinesvilleArts.com</a>.

## Stewart, Hunter Community Showcases

Stewart and Hunter communities will exhibit activities and events from the surrounding area, Sept. 9 at Club Stewart and Sept. 10 at Hunter Club from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Come fill your calendar with fun and exciting events for the whole Family.

#### **LIBRARY**

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Kaytrina Curtis

The Southwest branch of Savannah's Live Oak Public Library system will open its doors to the Savannah community this fall. Located at Rio Road, just outside the gates of Hunter Army Airfield, the new state-of-the-art, 50,000-square foot facility boasts an eco-friendly footprint.

Throughout much of the building, sensor lights are featured to cut down on energy costs. To further that cause, natural light provided by the strategic use of glass is used during the daylight hours and interior lights may be turned off entirely.

Waterless urinals and dual flush toilets in the facility help to reduce water consumption. Various plants native to the area, which thrives in the local climate, landscapes the outside of the building. These plants also help reduce the use of water.

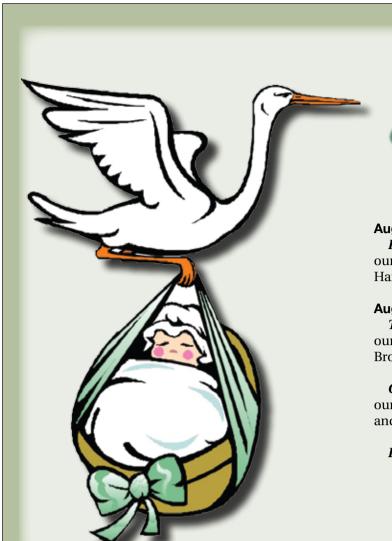
Renewable finishes, such as bamboo, were used throughout the building, as well as other recyclable materials. Paints and adhesives made of Volatile Organic Compound reduce the amount of chemicals present in the building.

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According to Susan Lee, Public Relations
Coordinator, LOPL, the decision to locate the
library in the southwest quadrant of the city, in
part, came from the needs of those living in that
area and the close proximity of the interstate. The
interstate provides easy access to those coming in
from the Liberty, Effingham and other county

The new "Green" Live Oak Public Library was designed by the Greenline Architects of Savannah and The Design Group. Choate Construction is the contractor of the ornate structure.

To view photos of the construction project, visit www.liveoakpl.org.



## Special Deliveries

#### Provided by Winn Army Hospital

#### August 2

*Haleigh Ann Hannah*, a girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Tyler Hannah and Bethe Hannah.

#### August 7

*Taylor Renee Brock*, a girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Warrant Officer Wilburn L. Brock and Aliesha N. Brock.

*Cameron John Diggs*, a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Spc. Shawn Michael Diggs and Renee Andrea Diggs.

Darien Johnny-Frank Taylor III, a boy, 6

pounds, 11 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Johnny F. Taylor and Keturah Taylor.

*Matthew Robert Vien*, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Robert Vien and Lisa Vien.

#### August 8

*Xavier Isaiah Smith*, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. Antremiel Smith Sr. and Markisha Smith.

*Nelson Andres Cuesta-Rodriguez*, a boy, 8 pounds, born to Sgt. Nelson Cuesta-Rosa Jr. and Anna Lorraine Cuesta.

## Hunter hosts one-stop-shop education, information fair



Kaytrina Curtis

Sgt. 1st Class Luis Capeles, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, spouse Laura and children Kylee, age 3, and Adam received information from Hunter Army Airfield School Liaison Officer Heather Ramsey during the School Days Ahead Education and Community Fair, Aug. 5 at the Hunter Club. Representatives from public, private and home school organizations were on hand to help inform parents and students about the resources available through the installation and neighboring communities. The one-stop-shop helped Families prepare for the upcoming school year that begins Sept. 1 for Chatham County schools.

#### **MARRIAGE** —

Couples spent time in marriage classes Friday night and Saturday morning, which consisted of a personality analysis called the Flag Page. They also attended seminars by renowned relationship expert Mark Gunner, who shed a hilarious light on the differences between men and women, how they interact in relationships, and how to make one's marriage work.

Outside of the marriage classes, Families explored Chattanooga on their own time, enjoying local attractions such as the famous Tennessee Aquarium, incline railroad with Lookout Mountain, and Lake Winnie Amusement Park.

Aside from quality Family time and

exploring a new city, the retreat was at no cost to Soldiers. Transportation, lodging, and even child care were included in the

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retreat.

At the end of the weekend, couples returned to Fort Stewart with a better understanding of their spouses, as well as strategies to help them communicate better within their relationships. They learned many worthwhile lessons to bring home with them and keep marriages strong. They learned ways to keep a relationship happy but manageable at the same time. The 87th CSSB realizes the importance of the marital bond, and the Marriage Retreat has proven to be a wonderful tool in keeping marriages "Army Strong."



## **Army Community Service**



#### **Solutions for Successful Army Living**

ACS classes are free and open to: active duty, Army Reserve, National Guard, Family Members, retirees and Department of the Army Civilians. ACS is a member of the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, proudly serving America's military.

#### View ACS calendar of classes online

Visit the Team Stewart Web site to view the current ACS calendar of classes. Visit *www.stewart.army.mil* (from the FAMILY menu, select Army Community Service, and click on the link to view our current calendar). With over 40 classes and workshops available, the online calendar is your one-stop source for complete class listings.

#### **Come to Parent Power Hour**

Join together with other parents to share your parenting concerns and experiences. At Stewart, Parent Power Hour meets Monday at noon, and at ACS-Hunter, parents meet from 2-4 p.m., every Thursday. Call your local ACS for more information.

Also ask about a home visit by one of our experienced professionals who can answer your important parenting concerns in the privacy of your own home.

#### **Rear Detachment Course offered**

Officers and noncommissioned officers that will be slotted as Rear Detachment Commanders and First Sergeants are invited to "Rear D" training. Topics concentrate on the effective accomplishment of military-related missions and responsibilities, including personnel management, casualty procedures and working with Families and Family Readiness Groups. Call 767-5058/5059 to register for the 2-day workshop, Aug. 18 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Teen Life Skills: Calming Your Anger

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to an interactive, 3-hour session incorporating games, activities, and dialog to learn what makes you mad and how to handle your anger, Aug. 22 from noon to 3 p.m. You will learn to calm down, communicate better, and make better decisions when anger strikes. This class will be fun, and you'll leave with a new understanding of how managing your anger can benefit you and make your life less stressful. Call 767/5058/5059 to register.

#### Learn the Army with AFTB

Family Members are encouraged to register for free training offered by Army Family Team Building to learn

tools to succeed as an Army Family.

A leadership-focused Level III class will be held, Aug. 25-27 at Stewart from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Level III provides training to enhance professional growth and management opportunities for Family Members, especially those who might assume advisory and mentoring roles within the unit and community. Call 767-5058/5059 to register.

At Stewart, the Dogface Soldier for Families class shares the history of the 3rd Infantry Division, the Dogface Soldier song, the origin behind our Mascot Rocky, and includes a guided tour of the Fort Stewart Museum, 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Aug 19.

#### Meet other spouses for support

Hearts Apart is open to any spouse whose loved one is away, whether in training for more than two weeks, on assignment far from home, or deployed. Come chat with others who are also experiencing their Soldier's absence. Hearts Apart meets Aug. 19 at Stewart at 11 a.m.

Foreign-born spouses are invited to network with members from various countries to discuss the American way of life, develop friendships, and learn about the many resources available to make your new life experience positive, Aug. 17 at Hunter and Aug. 19 at Stewart, both beginning at 11 a.m.

Children are always welcome at spouse groups, and feel free to invite a friend!

For information on spouse groups, call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

#### **Volunteer Managers invited to training**

Everyone who manages volunteers is invited to attend Volunteer Management Training at Hunter, Aug. 21 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Learn tips for a successful volunteer screening process, placement of volunteers, and how a thorough orientation for volunteers can capture their emotional commitment to the mission of the organization and give them a sense of belonging. Call 315-6816 to register.

#### Attend home buying working

A Home Buyer Education Workshop will be offered at both Hunter and Stewart locations. Learn to compare the benefits of purchasing vs. renting, determine how much you can really afford, and successfully navigate through the home buying process. Veterans Affairs will be available to discuss programs, and certificates will be issued for the Georgia Dream home buying program.

Investing in a home is one of the largest purchases you will make, so take advantage of this educational workshop and become an informed home buyer.

Call 315-6816 to register for the workshop at Hunter on Aug. 20, or 767-5058/5059 for the workshop at Stewart on Aug. 22, both from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch is included).

#### Submit issues to Army leadership

The Army Family Action Plan conference will be held at Stewart, Oct. 6-8. AFAP is an Army-wide program to improve Army quality of life. Through AFAP, all members of the Army, including active, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers, Family Members, retirees, surviving spouses, Army Civilians, and military technicians have a forum to voice concerns to Army leadership and make recommendations for change.

You may submit issues on the Team Stewart Web site, www.stewart.army.mil (click on the AFAP logo on the home page). If issues impact only the local community, they are resolved locally. If they have a broader scope, they are sent forward and evaluated for submission into the Army AFAP. About 95% of AFAP issues are retained and worked at the local level and result in ongoing community improvements. For more information, call your local ACS.

#### **ACS** announces **EFMP** events

Everyone who has a Family Member enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program is invited to a Welcome Seminar to find out about respite care and other community support services, Aug. 27 at 4 p.m. at Stewart's Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 87.

"It's An Exceptional Life," a support group where you can meet, share experiences, and participate in educational seminars, meets at the Fort Stewart ACS-Family Readiness Center in building 87 beginning at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 26.

On the same night, bring your children to Parents' Night Out, offered at both Fort Stewart and Hunter Child Development Centers from 6-9 p.m. while you attend the support group meeting. Children must be registered with CYSS and also enrolled in EFMP to participate, and advance sign-up is required.

Please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter for more information.

EFMP Families are also invited to the Boundless Playground, specially-designed for children ages 5-12 with special needs. The playground offers "boundless" opportunities for fun with wheelchair accessibility, a spongy-soft ground cover, ramps, and easy-to-reach activities.

Please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter for more information.